BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-2-E - ORDER NO. 2006-16

JANUARY 19, 2006

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company –) ORDER GRANTING Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs.) EXTENSION TO FILE) FUEL STUDY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), on behalf of all parties to this proceeding, to extend the date for filing of ORS's review and study (Fuel Study). The Commission, by Order No. 2005-187, dated May 5, 2005, approved a Settlement Agreement in this docket that was reached among the parties, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), South Carolina Energy Users Committee (SCEUC), SMI Steel-South Carolina (SMI Steel) and ORS, which included a stipulation among the parties for a review and study to be conducted by ORS of SCE&G's fuel purchasing methods. Such report setting forth ORS's findings was to be issued and provided to the parties before December 31, 2005.

By letter filed December 30, 2005, ORS seeks approval to delay the filing of its Fuel Study until January 31, 2006. According to ORS, at the request of SMI Steel and SCEUC, ORS agreed to delay the filing and advises that the only other party to the proceeding, SCE&G, does not oppose an extension of the filing deadline to January 31, 2006.

We have examined the request of ORS, on behalf of all parties to this docket, and find that the request will not unduly prejudice any party, and therefore grant the request to extend the date for filing the Fuel Study in the present docket.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the request of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, and as consented to by all other parties, for a one month extension to file ORS's review and study of the fuel purchasing methods of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company from December 31, 2005, to January 31, 2006, is hereby granted.
- 2. That the "Fuel Study" of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff shall be issued on or before January 31, 2006.
- 3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of this Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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